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GRA Use of External Studies

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1. The techniques and objectives of geographic intelligence are such that we are rarely able to sub-contract work to non-governmental study groups. Assistance from the outside is sought in limited cases where (a) the compilation or collation of basic data may be needed to fill an information gap; (b) the handling of a sub-topic of geographic intelligence concern may require guidance by a technical consultant. In these cases, we establish with the outside party an external research contract or personal service contract as appropriate.

2. We presently utilize the resources of non-governmental groups for the following subjects:

a. Cartographic compilation of base maps for intelligence production use.

b. Collation and evaluation of basic data on Soviet geodesy.

Some consideration is also being given to an external research project involving the collation of environmental data on Africa.

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